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New Orleans District

Project Fact Sheet

Official Project Name

Lafourche Parish Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map

Location

Lafourche Parish, LA

Purpose

The project is being completed to support the FEMA Map Modernization Plan. The goal of FEMA's Map Modernization Plan is to upgrade the 100,000-panel flood map inventory by:

- Developing up-to-date flood hazard data for all flood prone areas nationwide to support sound floodplain management and prudent flood insurance decisions.
- Providing the maps and data in digital format to improve the efficiency and precision with which mapping program customers can use this information.
- Fully integrating FEMA's community and state partners into the mapping process to build on local knowledge and efforts.
- Improving processes to make it faster to create and update the maps.
- Improving customer services to speed processing of flood map orders and raise public awareness of flood hazards.

Background

The Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, has been tasked by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop updated Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM's) for Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Plaquemines Parish Flood Insurance Rate Maps were last updated in April 17th 1985. The updated DFIRM's will provide the parish with a much better picture of the flood risk in all areas of the parish covered by this effort. In addition to being used for flood insurance purposes, the DFIRM's will also have applications in Public Works, Geographic Information Systems, and by floodplain managers and developers.

Authority

Map Modernization Program

Progress to Date

The preliminary DFIRM are tentatively scheduled for completion in January 2008. After the completion of the preliminary DFIRM, then begins the 12 month adoption process. The estimated effective date for the DFIRM is January 2009.